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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - GROUP ART UNIT 1656**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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	:	Examiner: Jeffrey Siew
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1656
Application No.: 09/942,588)	
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Filed: August 31, 2001)	
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For: SCREENING METHOD FOR)	
GENE VARIATION	:	December 10, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Box: AF
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, please amend
the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

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